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# Judd Gregg



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## **SENATOR GREGG ANNOUNCES YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS TO CLAREMONT, NEWPORT TOTALING \$500,000**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the towns of Claremont and Newport have each been awarded grants totaling nearly \$500,000 for youth development programs in their communities. Under the administration of the Claremont School District, Claremont (\$283,774) will open a youth center and coffee house at a downtown location for teenagers to receive expanded educational assistance and support, opportunities to learn business skills and a variety of other recreational and peer support programs. Newport (\$216,295) will soon create after-school and summer programs for middle and high school students to participate in mentoring relationships with local businesses and receive leadership training skills. The funding is provided through the Workforce Investment Act and the New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council, and federal Juvenile Justice funds through the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

Senator Gregg, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, stated, "Claremont and Newport have done an exceptional job designing programs which will give students educational, professional and personal support outside of the classroom. I am pleased that this much needed funding has been provided. The education of students is greatly enriched when close, personal attention is given to them in and out of the classroom, and these programs will greatly enhance the lives of youths in Claremont and Newport."

Gil Rubio, County Manager for Sullivan County, who will administer the grant for Newport, stated, "We are very excited about this award. It is the result of a cooperative approach between the County, the School district and community leaders here in Newport. With the awarding of these funds, we can now initiate our best efforts to create positive opportunities for the young people here in Newport and across the region."

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Jacqui Guillette, Claremont Superintendent, stated, "This is such an exciting opportunity for Claremont. To enhance our regular school programs, we have worked to create an enhanced

continuum of experiences and support for young people from birth through high school with programs such as Parents as Teachers and 21C. However, we have needed to do even more with our teenagers. We believe that this new grant will provide rich, engaging learning experiences for them. Thank you to the grant committee and the funding agencies, as well as our many partners from education, city and county government, the community, and business.”

Anthony Lyons, Director of the Main Street Claremont Program, stated, “The collaboration between the Claremont School District, 21C and Main Street Claremont to further enhance the business environment of the downtown while serving the needs of Claremont’s youth will be exhibited through the youth-run coffee shop and business development center. We are excited by the progress made by both organizations and want to publicly thank the grant committee and Senator Gregg’s office for their support.”

Karen Dewey, 21C Coordinator for the Claremont School District, stated, “Claremont 21C and its collaborating partners, Claremont Main Street and Claremont Adult Education, are very excited to have received funding to establish a Youth Resource Center in Claremont. We listened to the needs of Claremont youth and designed a Center that should provide exciting opportunities for them. Youth will be actively involved in all aspects of the Center. In Claremont, 21C has strived to build a system of supports and education opportunities for children, youth and families. Our programs are not only popular, they work at keeping children and youth safe, engaged in enriching activities, and involved with their community.”

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